

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 5, amend paragraph [0011] to read:

[0011] The rotation of the inboard barrier plate to/from a horizontal bridging position to the vertical barrier position is accomplished by an actuator link spanning between one or both of the barrier plate side brackets and the push (lower) arm of the articulated lever arm assembly. The push arm of the invention may be, ~~unlike the prior art push arms which are rigid struts,~~ is a telescoping, variable length arm comprising an upper member telescoping over a lower member. The actuator link pivots from the lower portion of the upper member (outer sleeve) of the push arm. Since the actuator link is pivoted to the barrier plate inboard of the push arm pivot, a lever arm exists tending to rotate the barrier plate upon motion of the actuator link.